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In the claims:

- 1. (Original) A conformable skin element system comprising one or more conformable skin elements, each skin element forming a pressure transducer and flow modifier, a controller, connections for coupling the conformable skin elements and the controller, a feedback control loop for generating and transmitting signals between the skin elements, the controller and the connections for conforming the skin elements to desired deformations.
 - 2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the controller is a micro-controller.
- 3. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein the micro-controller comprises programmable computer chips for sensing and processing the signals from the feedback and for selectively activating the skin elements to desired deformations.
- 4. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein the connections are electrical connections.
- 5. (Original) The system of claim 4, further comprising a power supply connected to the micro-controller.
- 6. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the skin elements are pressure-transducers and wherein the signals are pressure-transducer signals provided to the feedback loop.
- 7. (Original) The system of claim 6, wherein the feedback loop comprises amplifiers for amplifying the signals and filters for filtering the signals transmitted to the microcontroller.
 - 8-14. (Cancelled)
 - 15. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the skin elements are shaped elements.
 - 16. (Cancelled)
- 17. The system of claim 15, wherein the shaped elements have a configuration of at least two sides.

- 18. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the shaped elements have a configuration of more than two sides.
- 19. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a surface, wherein the skin elements are mounted on the surface.
 - 20. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the surface is on a vehicle.
- 21. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein the surface is on an aerodynamic part of the vehicle.
- 22. (Original) The system of claim 21, wherein each skin element has a vehicle conformable shape from a mounting perimeter after activation.
- 23. (Original) The system of claim 22, wherein the conformable shape corresponds to a mounting pattern of the skin elements on the surface.
- 24. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the system is an active vortex controller.
- 25. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the skin elements comprise actuatable material.
 - 26. (Original) The system of claim 25, wherein the material is piezoelectric material.
- 27. (Original) The system of claim 26, wherein the piezoelectric material is selected from a group consisting of piezo-ceramic, piezo-ceramic with metal shim, piezoelectric bimorph, piezo-film, and combinations thereof.
- 28. (Original) The system of claim 25, wherein the actuatable material is selected from a group consisting of electrical, mechanical, electromechanical, electromagnetic, electrothermal actuatable material and combinations thereof.
- 29. (Original) The system of claim 25, wherein the material is selected from a group consisting of shape-changing materials sensitive to temperature, light, pneumatic, hydraulic, magnetic effects and combinations thereof.

- 30. (Original) The system of claim 25, wherein the material is selected from a group consisting of shape memory alloys, magnetic elements and combinations thereof.
 - 31-47. (Cancelled)